

**441—177.5(249) Providers of health care services.**

**177.5(1) *Age.*** The provider shall be at least 18 years of age.

**177.5(2) *Health assessment.*** The provider shall obtain certification that the provider is physically and emotionally capable of providing assistance to another person who may have physical and emotional limitations.

*a.* The certification shall be based on an examination performed by a physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner or by a physician assistant who is working under the direction of a physician. If the provider works for an agency, the practitioner performing the examination may not be employed by the same agency.

*b.* The practitioner conducting the examination shall indicate the certification by signing the provider health assessment.

*c.* The certification shall be submitted to the department service worker:

- (1) Before the provider agreement is signed, and
- (2) Annually thereafter.

**177.5(3) *Qualifications.*** The provider shall be qualified by training and experience to carry out the health care plan as specified in rule 177.4(4).

**177.5(4) *Relative.*** The provider may be related to the client, so long as the provider is not a member of the family as defined in rule 441—130.1(234).

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